

Texas NAWGJ Board Minutes



TX NAWJG Board Meeting
July 21, 2009
Indianapolis, IN

The meeting was called to order at 2:01 P.M. by SJD, Leslie Patterson.

I. MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

State Judging Director	Leslie Patterson
District 1 Assignor	Jack Dunlop
District 2/3 Assignor	Lani Yosten
District 4 Assignor	Sharon Rhea
District 5/6 Assignor	Cathy Cormier
Secretary	Jennifer Porter

Motion: L. Yosten

To accept the previous minutes as read and corrected.

Second: J. Dunlop

PASSED

II. JUDGES CUP

Judges Cup continues to be a success year after year. Leslie presented a Judges Cup Report from 2008. Last year there were a total of 1588 athletes entered, 65 NAWGJ Memberships paid and 159 Education Points earned!

2009 Judges Cups will add the 4 Placement as a new level.

West Texas will have a new host site for 2009: Permian High School, Odessa

As a reminder, all volunteers for Judges Cup must be current NAWGJ Members to receive their membership renewal or educational points. Judges who volunteer two sessions will get their membership renewal.

III. TEXAS CHALLENGE

Leslie presented a report from the 2008 TX Challenge. The meet continues to grow and gain popularity. Platinum Gymnastics in Round Rock did a great job hosting the meet last year and has earned the bid to host again for the 2009 meet. We discussed ideas for special gifts for the Texas Team. The necklaces last year were liked very much. The gym will again retain all profits from the gate, concessions, shirt sales, programs...etc.

IV. EDUCATION

GAT presenters this year will include: Tom Koll, Carole Bunge, Diane Callison Cheryl, Jarrett, Leslie Patterson & others.

We discussed topic ideas for presentations (New Code Info; Beginning & Intermediate Shorthand).

V. NEWSLETTER

A TXNAWGJ Newsletter will be posted to the website after Congress. We discussed some information that will need to be included in the next issue.

VI. PROMOTING NAWGJ

The "NEW" Uniform is available and has been complimented by judges as being comfortable, soft, stretchy waist and washable!

There was some talk that judges in particular areas are not following the appropriate "Summer Uniform" dress code and need to be reminded the correct shirt should be white polo-type and the shoes should be white athletic shoes (no tank tops, sandals or flip flops). The idea is to look standard and "uniform".

VII. PROFESSIONALISM

It is absolutely unethical for a judge to solicit meet assignments for themselves.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

A. JO NATIONALS

Metroplex will be hosting JO Nationals in May of 2010. There will be 32 officials and many more volunteers and auxiliary judges will be needed. Leslie would like to have a wine and cheese reception for the 32 judges one night. It would be nice to have meals prepared for the volunteers and possibly hotel rooms for those coming in from a distance. We discussed ideas for special treatment of the judges during their break time. Lani will research some avenues to possibly secure a Massage Therapist. The TXNAWGJ Budget will need to reflect these expenses. Volunteers will receive CPE credits and 1 Education Point per session worked

B. WEBSITE

We discussed an idea to have a "brain teaser" or "routine of the month" on the website.

It would be a fun way to teach newer or lower level judges some shorthand, and helps quiz all judges on their recognition of skills etc.... This is another way to encourage compulsory judges to use the shorthand.

C. CONTRACTUAL DATA BASE SYSTEM

There has been much e-mail conversation regarding a new system that would allow for contracts to be done through a computer based assigning system. All board members show both interest and hesitation to purchase this system. The consensus at this point, is that we need to do more research on the program before a decision is made. Leslie is going to contact the author and see if he can meet with some of us at Congress to give us a better idea of how it works.

D. ASSIGNING ISSUES

As usual, Jack is in desperate need of judges in West Texas. Leslie is going to speak with Carole Bunge about making an affiliation exception for that area.

There was some discussion that there are some judges who only claim availability for the meets they wish to be assigned for. Judges need to be aware that their availability does not guarantee them an assignment and that if a judge is only available for three weekends of a season, they are not guaranteed to be assigned three meets.

E. EXPENSE REPORTS

Leslie asked for expense reports for reimbursement from board members.

F. BUDGET

The budget will be reviewed after GAT 2009.

G. NEXT MEETING

The next board meeting will likely be at the Texas Challenge in Roundrock.

Motion: J. Dunlop

To adjourn at 3:27pm

PASSED

Submitted by Jennifer Porter; TX NAWGJ Secretary